

## Senate Resolution 1468

By: Senators Buckner of the 44th and Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta on the occasion of its 50th  
2 anniversary and commending the leadership of CEO and President Janice  
3 McKenzie-Crayton, Executive Vice President of Development David Samuel, and Vice  
4 President of Development and Marketing Alicia Smith; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, the goal of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta (BBBS) is to enrich  
6 children's lives and provide a solid foundation for the next generation to thrive by providing  
7 participants with caring, well-trained mentors and responsible role models to emulate; and

8 WHEREAS, a private, nonprofit organization, BBBS of Metro Atlanta is one of the largest  
9 affiliates of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, serving more than 3,200 children annually;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, founded in 1960, BBBS of Metro Atlanta serves 12 counties of metro Atlanta:  
12 Butts, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry,  
13 Paulding, and Rockdale; and

14 WHEREAS, children who participate in the BBBS program enter at the ages between six and  
15 12 and can remain involved until their graduation from high school; and

16 WHEREAS, President and CEO Janice McKenzie-Crayton has served as the organization's  
17 leader since 1992 and has led BBBS of Metro Atlanta through strategic growth, expanding  
18 the reach of BBBS to 12 metro Atlanta counties that serve over 3,200 children; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. McKenzie-Crayton earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Howard  
20 University, and prior to working with BBBS of Metro Atlanta she served as the vice  
21 president for development at Spelman College; and

22 WHEREAS, Executive Vice President David Samuel joined BBBS of Metro Atlanta in 2008  
23 following a successful 35-year career in corporate leadership and leads a program  
24 development and service delivery team focused on creating new mentor relationships and  
25 enriching those relationships to achieve targeted youth outcomes; and

26 WHEREAS, Vice President of Development Alicia N. Smith holds a bachelor's degree from  
27 Virginia Commonwealth University, earned a master's degree from George Mason  
28 University, and is responsible for managing the agency's portfolio of donors and supervising  
29 fundraising programs and events; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of this fine  
31 organization be appropriately recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
33 recognize Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta on the occasion of its 50th anniversary,  
34 applaud the organization for improving the lives of Georgia's children, and commend the  
35 leadership of CEO and President Janice McKenzie-Crayton, Executive Vice President of  
36 Development David Samuel, and Vice President of Development and Marketing Alicia  
37 Smith.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
39 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta,  
40 Janice McKenzie-Crayton, David Samuel, and Alicia Smith.